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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

IN the last issue of the WORD AND WORK special emphasis was laid upon the *word* of our Unitarian body, reference being made to the opportunities, the duties, and the possibilities of the church year just beginning. In the present issue these columns will be devoted to consideration of the immediate *work* of certain of our departments.

DEPARTMENT of Religious Education. The Secretary of that department, Rev. William I. Lawrance, writes as follows:

The Department of Religious Education is in the midst of many enterprises that occupy the time and energy of its officers. All three are constantly engaged in speaking and preaching and with interviews in regard to methods of religious education. Its chief immediate task is the preparation of suitable manuals for the guidance of young people along religious lines. Experience and the extension of knowledge regarding the development of minds and characters lead to the conviction that, excellent as are the present publications of our body, there is serious lack here and there of suitable material for use in our schools and homes. In the study of this problem, in the assignment of right topics, in the choice of competent authors, and finally, in the preparation of adequate pedagogical material to accompany such manuals, the Department has a task of incalculable importance.

A new book of songs and services for our schools is another pressing need that the Department is actively trying to meet. A committee has been appointed and has held a preliminary meeting at which certain general rules were adopted. This committee consists of Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, Chairman; Rev. William I. Lawrance, Secretary of division dealing with services; Rev. Florence Buck, Secretary of the division charged with the selection of hymns. With these are associated Revs. F. R. Griffin, Samuel R. Maxwell, Earl M. Wilbur, Eugene R. Shippen, Minot Simons, Prof. Francis A. Christie, Dr. C. H. Levermore, Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, Mrs Edwin D. Starbuck and Miss Harriet E. Johnson. It is the intention to prosecute this enterprise as rapidly as is consistent with careful work.

The Department is also co-operating with the Tuckerman School in conducting a Normal Course for Sunday-school teachers, parents, and others interested. These meetings are held on ten successive Saturdays in Channing

Hall, when Dr. Edwin D. Starbuck delivers a course of lectures on "The Spirit and Methods of Teaching" and Rev. William I. Lawrance gives a course of lecture-readings on "The Prophetic Movement."

YOUNG People's Religious Union. The secretary writes:

The fair, the eighth biennial bazaar of the Young People's Religious Union, is the most important object on the horizon of the Unitarian young people to-day. We hope all our friends will be interested to extend a helping hand, for especially do we need encouragement at this period of our existence. At least assure us of your loyalty and sympathy by coming forward and offering to make some article or to serve in some way. No one is too old or too immature to be of some assistance.

The fair is to be held at Hotel Vendome, corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Dartmouth Street, Boston, November 6, 7, and 8, from ten in the forenoon to ten o'clock at night. Plan to come in with your friends one or all of these days. Get groups of friends to come together for a few hours' shopping and recreation where willl be found the usual tables filled with useful and attractive articles, an entertainment corner, and a refreshment and lunch room.

The fair will be successful or otherwise, according as the Unitarian public is enlisted. If no deflnite work can be volunteered, an encouraging line now and again, a friendly word of interest and inquiry, would be appreciated. Suggestions are welcome and are bound to be wholesome.

DEPARTMENT of Foreign Relations. Dr. Charles W. Wendte, calls attention to the following matters:—

An encouraging indication of new awakened interest in the foreign missionary work of our Unitarian body is the session of the General Unitarian Conference at Buffalo devoted to the discussion of the opportunties and duties of our free fellowship in the international field. When such leaders of Unitarian sentiment as Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Prof. F. G. Peabody and Rev. Minot Simons appear in earnest advocacy of a policy it is sure to command the respect and enlist the cooperation of the denomination at large. It can no longer be dismissed curtly with a phrase— "I don't believe in foreign missions," but must be reconsidered with seriousness in the light of recent developments in international and religious life.

Two important facts are brought to our attention in this connection; first, the interest of our orthodox fellow Christians in missions has not decreased with the enlargement or scientific knowledge, international relations, human intercourse and the liberalizing of religious opinons so characteristic of our day. On the contrary, never was this interest so great, the missionaries so numerous and fervent, the gifts from the churches for this object so large, as during the past decade. Foreign missions are more firmly established than ever and are accomplishing more than ever before.

Secondly, the nature and aims of this missionary activity have greatly changed and are to undergo still further transformations. The emphasis is laid less and less on dogmas, sectarian propagandism and technical conversion, based on an assumed exclusive, infallible revelation of Christianity as the only adequate channel of salvation. More and more this missionary endeavor is taking the form of education, the promotion of Christian character and humanitarian and social

service—objects which appeal also to the Unitarian conscience and heart.

These prevailing aspects of foreign missionary work entitle it to renewed consideration on the part of liberal Christians and should make them ponder deeply their own responsibility and duty in doing their part for the uplift of the less privileged nations of the earth. Only so can they bear the testimony and render the service which is demanded of them, and preserve their own denominational life from becoming narrow, provincial and sectarian. Unitarian Christianity is something more than a New England notion. It is a philosophy of religion, a type of character, an altruistic impulse, a world movement, whose aim is nothing less than the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth; not merely in Massachusetts, or the Middle West, or the United States, but throughout the world. This international service can be rendered without any surrender of their cherished principles, and in entire obedience with their highest ideals, while its reaction on our Unitarian character and church life cannot fail to be beneficial and inspiring.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE. The President, Miss Anna M. Bancroft, writes as follows concerning the work of this important organization of Unitarian women:

The work of the Alliance! To quicken religious life and promote fellowship in our churches, to aid in extending the Unitarian faith, to keep in touch with all denominational matters of importance, to lend a hand whenever it is possible and to promote the spiritual and religious growth of our Unitarian women—such is our work—and we can accomplish this only by our renewed consecration, by our continued loyalty and by our increasing enthusiam. Our general work is well and widely known, but the Post Office Mission is perhaps more vital to our growth and prosperity than any other of our activities.

Our work of offering help of any kind to Unitarian girls away from their home church is receiving appreciative attention and our effort to have Unitarian girls listen to their own liberal faith has become in several cases a possibility.

The library is an important work this year. The American Unitarian Association is giving to the care of The Alliance all books from its library that can be lent and soon there will be an efficient circulating library; by this, we hope to be of help to ministers and laymen, to study classes or to individuals who look to us for assistance.

DEPARTMENT of Church Extension. It may be said that the outlook at the present time for the propagation of Unitarian beliefs and principles is encouraging. One of the chief reasons why we have been unable to establish a greater number of Unitarian churches has been the difficulty of finding available men who were so situated as to take up work in those distant fields where prospects of substantial growth are most alluring. This difficulty still remains, but the unusual number of ministers coming to us from other denominations hints at the possibility of meeting this difficulty. Within six weeks at least six promising young men now connected with other denominations have applied for fellowship. The majority of these have already had service in successful pastorates, while two of them are students coming to us from institutions of learning.

IT would be a great blessing to our entire body if many of the Boards of Directors and Trustees in individual churches could take a course of lectures upon the proper methods of superintending the affairs of congregational churches. It still remains true that the business side of the church often lacks that treatment which any sensible business man would apply to his own affairs. Laxity in securing subscriptions for the church expenses, negligence in paying the salaries of the ministers, parsimony and delay in meeting the expenses of supplies, combine to deter the growth and general interest in church work. If many of the church committees could know how ministers feel, how much of surprise and indignation they suppress because of the niggardly treatment they receive at the hands of many churches that need practice no undue economy, they would be prompted to mend their ways.

THE meetings of the Fall Conferences have been interesting and significant. At the Rocky Mountain Conference, in Denver, the chief topics presented were: "The Opportunity of American Unitarians," "The New Faith in a New Time," and "Liberal Religion and Modern Life." This Conference was followed by a Ministerial Institute held under the auspices of the American Unitarian Association. This began with a sermon by Rev. Maxwell Savage. There followed various addresses and papers from the ministers of Greeley, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Utah, Wichita, Kansas, Dallas and San Antonio, Texas. The Secretary of the Association and the Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service were present and took part in the Institute.

At the Illinois Conference the leading themes were "The Modern Church and Its Religion" and "The Church and the New Pedagogy."

The Iowa Conference considered chiefly "Our Missionary Problem." Another practical question taken up was "Is it possible to make the ethics of Jesus the controlling principle of modern life?" The Michigan Conference also debated the problems of local missionary work and advocated the placing of a Field Agent in Michigan. The Conference considered such subjects as "Church Efficiency," "Winning the Unchurched" and "The Revolutionized Sunday School."

The local Conferences in New England have also largely taken up the questions of missionary activity. The entire session of the Worcester Conference was given to this theme, and the Essex and North Middlesex Conferences also considered the needs of local work. At the South Middlesex and the Connecticut Valley Conferences considerable attention was given to the needs of the foreign field. This theme was also considered at the October meeting of the Ministerial Union, with addresses by Dr. F. G. Peabody and Professor Anasaki. At the Norfolk Conference a distinguished layman spoke on "The Organization of a Congregation." At the Plymouth and Bay Conference the chief topic was "Liberalism and Conservatism." It is obvious that the Conferences are more and more addressing themselves to the practical problems of church life and organization.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. S. S. Booth has resigned at Waterville, Maine, and accepted a commission to take charge of the circuit work in Hancock County, with his chief preaching stations at Ellsworth and Bar Harbor.

Mr. J. A. Kyle, recently Cruft Fellow of the Meadville Theological School, has accepted a call to Elizabeth, N. J.

Rev. Charles Pease has accepted a call to Sacramento, Calif.

Rev. L. M. Greenman has resigned at West New Brighton, N. Y.

Rev. Abbot Peterson was installed as Associate Minister at Brookline on October 12th.

Mr. E. M. Backus was ordained and installed minister at Lawrence, Kansas, on October 26th.

Journeys

The Secretary of the Association and the Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service are now in the West in attendance upon the Ministers' Institute at Denver. On the way out they stopped at Lawrence, Kansas, for the installation of Mr. Backus, and on the return journey Mr. Wilson will visit the churches at Wichita, Kan., Oklahoma, Okla., and Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. W. C. Brown, Field Secretary, is also in the Rocky Mountain region, whither he went immediately after the Conference at Buffalo. His main work is just now at Helena, Mont. He will also visit the churches at Great Falls and Butte, and confer with the ministers and leaders of the new movement among the Finns at Red Lodge, and other places in Montana. Before his return East Mr. Brown will also visit Boise, Idaho, Salt Lake City, and the Colorado churches.

Rev. Florence Buck, Associate Secretary in the Department of Religious Education, after attending the Conference at Buffalo, has been making the round of the State Conferences in the Middle West, speaking at the Conferences in Detroit, Mich., Bloomington, Ill., and Des Moines, Iowa, and at various points along that route.

The Treasurer, Mr. Williams, after the Buffalo Conference, visited the churches in Dayton, Ohio, Pittsfield and Holyoke, Mass.

The recent appointments of the President have been at Augusta, Maine, Newport, R. I., Arlington Street Church, Boston, at the General Conference at Buffalo, at the Worcester Conference at Sterling, at the Mohonk Conference at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., at the Middlesex and at the Hackley Schools, and at Vassar College. In the immediate future his appointments are at Springfield and Weston, Mass., and at Lenox Avenue Church, New York.

Circuits

It is increasingly the good practice of Unitarian ministers who are in earnest, to serve more than one parish, or at least to extend their own church work into the neighboring towns. There is no better form of church extension work than extension into the life of neighboring communities. Rev. F. A. Weil of Bellingham, Wash., carries on a vigorous work in his own city, and devotes his Sunday evenings and some week-day evenings

to the care of a constantly enlarging circuit in the neighboring towns of Whatcom County. He has organized societies at Sedro and at Lynden, and has a preaching station at Everson. This month he is developing a new station among the Icelanders at Blaine. Later in the year it is hoped that one of the Icelandic ministers from Manitoba can go out to the coast to visit among the Icelanders of Western Washington and British Columbia.

In Central California Rev. Thomas Clayton, settled at Fresno, also conducts the services of the societies at Hanford and Visalia.

Rev. J. M. Seaton and Rev. J. R. Pennington are this month making an interesting exchange of fields. Mr. Seaton takes charge of Mr. Pennington's work at Norfolk, and Mr. Pennington goes into Western Virginia, where Mr. Seaton has been at work, and will endeavor to organize new churches at Lynchburg and Roanoke.

The General Conference

The meetings of the General Conference at Buffalo last month were profoundly interesting and stimulating. Many who expected a small attendance were happily disappointed by the large numbers that thronged the churches where the meetings were held. One of the significant events of the Conference was the opening of two of the large Presbyterian churches at Buffalo for the Unitarian meetings, and in each church the local minister made an address of welcome which was cordial and sincere. Such a happening could hardly have occurred in Buffalo twenty or even ten years ago.

The speaking at the Conference was of a very high order of merit. The address of the President of the Conference was especially wise and weighty. The Conference was marked by two important reports by committees appointed two years ago. These committees had made careful study: one, of the methods of ordination in use in our churches; and the other, of the changes needed in the education of ministers. Both committees presented very complete and inspiring reports which will set the standards not only in our own fellowship, but in others similarly constituted.

New Lots and Buildings

Since the last issue of the WORD AND WORK the Association has purchased lots for the future church buildings to be used by the societies in San Antonio, Tex., Long Beach, Calif., and Visalia, Calif. In addition to the new buildings spoken of in the last WORD AND WORK as in process of erection, the new church at Quincy, Ill., is well advanced and plans have been approved for the new church buildings in Wheeling, W. Va., and Atlanta, Ga. The new church in Winnipeg was dedicated on Sunday, October 19th, and the new church in Summit, N. J., on October 21st. The society in Dallas has purchased the building formerly occupied as the Temple of the Reformed Jews.

Department of Foreign Relations

Under the auspices of this Department there will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11th and 12th, in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, a missionary conference, the first of its kind, to consider the foreign relations of the Unitarian fellowship. These are now becoming so extended and bear such promise of a large usefulness to the cause of religious enlightenment and progress in other lands, that it seems advisable for the friends of the international extension of our faith to consider its possibilities, and the principles and spirit

which should guide our denominational activity in this field. For while it is becoming clear to us that we cannot get on without this foreign endeavor, it is equally clear that we cannot pursue it on the old and established lines of orthodox missions. Our Unitarian motive, message and methods will form the topics of the coming meeting, and every minister, and as many of our laity as possible, who are within reach of Channing Hall, should attend the sessions and aid in the consideration and discussion of these important missionary problems. A number of scholarly and gifted speakers have promised their co-operation, and the meetings will be vital with interest and will, it is believed, prove fruitful of results. We give the program so far as it is completed.

First Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1913.

Morning session at 10 o'clock.

Presiding, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot.

Christianity a Missionary Religion.

10:00: Address, "Missions and the Planting of Christianity," Prof. Kirsopp Lake, D. D. (St. Andrew's), Prof. Early Christian Literature and N. T. Exegesis in the University of Leiden.

10:45: Address, "The Mission of Christianity to the World." Prof. Frances G. Peabody, D. D., of Cambridge.

11:45: Address, "History and Present Expansion of Protestant Missions." Rev. Dr. Cornelius H. Patton, American Board of Foreign Missions.

Afternoon session at 2 o'clock.

Presiding, Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D. D., of Boston.

Problems in Christian Missionary Work.

2:00: Address, "Influence on Missions of a better knowledge and appreciation of other peoples and religions, in conjunction with the recent rise of Oriental nations in racial, national and religious self-consciousness." Prof. M. Anesaki, Ph. D., University of Tokio.

2:30: Address, "Effects of the study of the natural sciences and of historical and Biblical criticism on Christian beliefs and missionary teaching." Rev. Lee S. McCollester, D. D., Dean Crane Theological School, Tufts College, Mass.

3:00: Discussion.

3:30: Address "The right attitude of the Christian missionary toward other forms of world-faith." William H. P. Faunce, LL. D., of Providence, President Brown University.

4:00: Discussion.

Second Day, Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Morning session at 10 o'clock.

Presiding, Rev. William I. Lawrance.

"Unitarian Christianity and Missions."

10:00: Address, "Past and Present Attitude of Unitarians Toward Foreign Missionary Work." Rev. Charles F. Dole, of Boston.

10:30: Discussion.

11:00: Addresses on the present opportunities and obligations of Unitarians in foreign lands.

1. "The Unitarian Mission in Japan," Rev. Wm. I. Lawrance, of Boston.

11:30: 2. "Unitarian work in Italy," Rev. Louis C. Cornish, of Hingham.

12:00: Discussion by Revs. George D. Latimer, A. M. Knapp, Mrs. Charles G. Ames and others.

Afternoon session at 2 o'clock.

Presiding, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson.

2:00: 1. "The International Congress of Free Christians and Other Religious Liberals." Rev. W. Copeland Bowie of London, Secretary British and Foreign

Unitarian Association.

2:20: Discussion.

2:50: Address, "The best methods of service in India, China, Bulgaria, Syria and other countries. A Pilgrim Congress of Theists." Rev. Charles W. Wendte.

3:20: Discussion. led by Rev. A. M. Rihbany.

3:50: Address, "The best methods of arousing the interest and assuring the co-operation of the Unitarian fellowship in the foreign work of their denomination." Rev. Thomas Van Ness, of Brookline.

4:10: Discussion led by Rev. Henry Goodwin Smith, of Northampton.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Sunderland, who is journeying around the world as a Billings lecturer and envoy of the American and British Unitarian Associations, has been warmly received and has passed a busy and profitable month in Japan. His addresses before the Universities of Tokio and Waseda, at the Unitarian and Universalist Missions, in Der. Ebina's independent Christian Church, and especially before the "Concordia Society" in Tokio, were well received, and promoted international good will and religious progress. He now visits China and Ceylon, and thence to India. Of especial significance is his work for the proposed World-Congress of Theists in 1914-1915, in which he has met with much encouragement. Mr. Sunderland is accompanied by his daughter.

Rev. C. W. Wendte has put into pamphlet form the five articles in the "Christian Register," reporting the recent Paris Congress, and will be pleased to send the same to any address given him.

Rev. G. Conte and wife have removed their pension to 44 Viale Vittoria, Villa Arnaldi, Florence, where, with more room, more quiet, a fine garden and improved electric car service they can better minister to the comfort of their guests.

Rev. Mr. Toplisky has been doing characteristic and splendid service for us in Bulgaria since his return from the Paris Congress.

Department of Social and Public Service

The secretary represented the Department at the Buffalo Conference, and in the ten minutes allotted to him explained what it stands for. (1) A merger of personal religion and social righteousness; the same standards of justice, honor and love to control in both private and public life. (2) The appointment of social service committees in the churches to plan and direct this larger work and to further the end of social righteousness. (3) The individual pledge to give to service a certain definite amount of time each week or month that the plans of the committees may be made effective. (4) To suggest practical programs of work to churches whenever desired, emphasizing especially those forms of service of known social value upon which all can unite. (5) The publication of the Social Service Bulletin, which from the begining has seemed to meet a felt want on the part of the public. The Bulletin covers a wide range of information and discussion, and is really a valuable contribution by the American Unitarian Association to the educational side of social reform and amelioration. It also forms an admirable series of hand-books for those who wish to study different phases of the social question or to do something useful for the common good.

The secretary of the Department is also secretary of the Laymen's League,

and in the absence of other officers it fell to him to speak at Buffalo on the purposes and aims of the League. The report was rather meagre, as the retiring secretary has been able to give so little time of late to the League that its activities have been much curtailed. It is now hoped that there may be an improvement in this direction.

The office of the League has been transferred from New York to 25 Beacon Street, Boston, where Mr. Forbes will always be glad to meet members of local clubs. His first duty is to verify the records of the existing clubs on file in the office. Letters asking for information have been sent to local secretaries so far as their names are known, and otherwise, to the ministers of the churches. Next an effort will be made to get the record of any new clubs which have been organized within the last two or three years. It is earnestly requested that answers be returned to the letters of inquiry at an early date, as the Executive Committee of the League cannot form any definite plan of action until it knows the resources at its command.

A number of social service committees are likely to be appointed with the opening of the work of a new season. In any such case Mr. Forbes will be grateful if the names and addresses of the secretaries can be sent to him to be kept on file in the office of the Department.

The attention of the committees and of all who are interested in social welfare is called to the town planning conference which has been arranged by the Mass. Homestead Commission to meet at the State House, Boston, on November 18th and 19th. Questions of housing, health, agriculture and a wide variety of subjects germane to town planning will be discussed by both home and foreign experts, and many definite and practical suggestions may be expected.

The program of the social service conference in preparation by the Department for December 3rd and 4th is nearly completed, and includes an array of brilliant speakers. There will be four sessions, and this year in response to many requests more opportunity will be given for questions and possibly for public discussion. The full program will shortly be published.

The next issue of the Social Service Bulletin will be on December 1st, and will contain an article on "The Control of Tuberculosis," by Dr. Mark W. Richardson, secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Health.

Department of Religious Education

So many inquiries regarding the proposed new course of study to be issued by this Department are reaching us that it seems necessary to state in this public way that that series will not be ready for use during the present year. When it is remembered how long it has taken other efforts of the kind to reach completion, and when it is remembered also how difficult and delicate is the problem offered by such an enterprise, it will not be surprising that time must elapse before its accomplishment. While, therefore, satisfactory progress is being made in the formulation of the scheme involved and in the securing of suitable persons to undertake various parts of the work, our schools will do well to plan their work without reference to the new series.

The *Beacon Series* still stands as the one most suited to Unitarian schools. It was carefully planned and contains material that has won the admiration of experts in religious education in all denominations. We unhesitatingly urge all our schools to use this Series in whole or in part, supplementing it with other material which we also publish, believing that whatever may be

the excellencies of other publications. the *Beacon Series* is, on the whole, by far the most satisfactory course of study for them to adopt.

Insofar as the *Beacon Series* needs supplementing in the Kindergarten work, or in the later grades and Adult Classes, this Department stands ready always to give any suggestions it can which will place teachers in touch with the best available material. Essentially everything needed of a supplementary kind for the carrying out of a complete course of instruction can be found in our various publications. In some instances other houses have furnished desirable books about which teachers might well be informed, to use either as texts or as books supplementary to those from our own house.

A meeting of a Joint Committee on the new Hymn and Service Book for Sunday-Schools was held at Buffalo, in connection with the General Conference. Several rules of procedure were there adopted and a program of work has been so fully developed that progress should now be rapid. It is desired that all persons who have suggestions concerning either services or hymns suitable for the new book shall send the same to the office of this Department. Let it not be supposed that this appeal is to those only who feel themselves to be authorities in the matter of the building of a service book. On the contrary, it is the earnest wish that parents and teachers who have found a single song or hymn or poem or prayer or selection from literature that has been useful should avail themselves of this opportunity of sharing it with other people.

A new service for Harvest and Thanksgiving has been issued by the Department. It was prepared by Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, whose mastery of the art of arranging services is well known and widely appreciated. It presents not only a full service for the Sunday school, or for school and congregation uniting, but additional material to be used at the same time or adapted to use on other autumn festival occasions. Among the attractive features of this service are selections from "The One Thousandth Psalm," by Edward Everett Hale, and prayers by Charles Gordon Ames and Theodore Parker.

Publication Department

The readers of WORD AND WORK will be interested to know that the book entitled "The Priest," which has been so much in demand in the last few months, but which has been out of print, will be reprinted by the publishers, Sherman, French & Company, who expect that it will be on sale about December 1. Orders for the book may be sent to the Publication Department, 25 Beacon Street, and will be filled as soon as the book is finished. The price of the second edition will be the same as the previous one, viz., $1.25 net, by mail $1.34.

It is also possible to purchase at the Book Room "Life in Palestine When Jesus Lived" and "The First Three Gospels," both by Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter. These books are published by Essex Hall, but for the convenience of purchasers may now be obtained in Boston. The prices of the above are 40 cents, by mail 45 cents, and $1.25, by mail $1.34, respectively.

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The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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From the General Conference

Among the many impressions of the crowded days of the General Conference two stand forth, the presiding officer and the Unitarians of Buffalo. President Charles W. Eliot *was* the Conference. To watch that face with lines that thought has traced, to hear the words that added point to each address, to be conscious of the dignity and wonderful repose with which he carried each meeting, that was our rare privilege. Somebody said that he stood like a mountain with its head above the clouds.

The Unitarians of Buffalo eagerly desired the Conference. They brought to it the joy which the isolated liberal feels in the company of his kin, and they received their guests with a hospitality which makes a rich memory.

One of the minor pleasures of the Conference was Mr. Boynton's choice of hymns at the evening meetings, from the Presbyterian hymn-books we were using. Samuel Longfellow, John W. Chadwick and John G. Whittier were among the authors, and the great Unitarian audiences realized in them one more bond with the church whose hospitality we enjoyed.

At the Alliance luncheon Miss Bancroft presided delightfully and Miss Low was the first speaker. The rising of the audience showed the affection in which our past president is held. Other speakers were Mrs. Gannett of Rochester, Mrs. Applebee of Syracuse, Mrs. Delano and Mrs. E. C. Smith of Chicago, Mrs. Wicks of Indianapolis, Mrs. Atherton of Boston, Mrs. Gilson of Wellesley, and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis who had just come from the celebration of her golden wedding, was received with an ovation. She told us that Unitarian enthusiasm has kept her young. The spacious Twentieth Century Club, which is the Woman's Club of Buffalo, was thrown open for our use, and Mrs. Michael, the chairman of the luncheon committee, is also the chairman of the house committee of the club.

The Alliance Conference on Thursday afternoon followed close upon the prolonged business meeting of the General Conference, but Miss Ida Slade called the meeting promptly, and an hour and a half of lively discussion ensued. The following questions were discussed:

1. How much time should the Alliance devote to social questions?

2. Do you advocate an opening service for Alliance meetings?

3. Word and Work. Do you make use of Word and Work in your meetings? Should you like any different use of the space allotted to the Alliance in this magazine?

4. The Junior Alliance. What has been the experience of your Branch? Do you have an age limit for members? What should be the relation between the Junior Alliance and the Branch?

Much that was of value was brought out, particularly concerning the Junior Alliance but the real quickening of the spirit at both the luncheon and the

Conference came from the new voices we heard and the eager friends we met as west and north and east and south joined to make our fellowship larger and truer.

SARA S. GILSON.

The coming together at Buffalo was a red letter day in the life of the Alliance, marking a better acquaintance, fresh enthusiasm, and a new glimpse of the splendid possible.

On the evening of October 10th, the new Fifield Memorial Room, in the rear of the organ, was open for inspection. This is a gift to the church in memory of Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, from her daughter, to be used for a committee room, a rest room, or any general purpose of the parish, and will be in the special care of the Alliance. From the treasures of the old Humphreys house have come some of the most valuable of the books, and the family have given into the care of the Fifield Memorial a quantity of priceless old church papers. They include such documents as the will of Jonas Humphreys, who came over in the Mary and John, and many so-called "relations" by early members of the church. It is felt that in these times of rapid change the simple relics of old Dorchester gathered here and the memorials of one so long actively at work in this church and in broader fields, will prove of great and ever increasing interest, while the story of a beautiful and well-spent life will continue to be a constantly inspiring lesson to the coming generations.

(*From the First Parish, Dorchester, Calendar.*)

The July number of the *Pacific Unitarian* contained an appreciative tribute to Mrs. Fifield and her work, written by Miss Emma Ross of California, formerly a prominent teacher in the Philippines.

The Executive Board held its out-of-Boston meeting for the year in Buffalo on October 10th, at the close of the sessions of the General Conference. The attendance and the interesting discussions made this policy of one meeting a year outside of New England seem wise and worth continuing.

Miss Bancroft was in the chair, two vice-presidents were in attendance, from the west and central west, directors from Canada, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York (three), New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan, both secretaries, and a few guests.

One new life member was reported. Mrs. Sparhawk, of Massachusetts, who wished to go to Buffalo, but found it impossible to do so, and made herself a life member instead.

If branches are planning to add names to the Memorial list, prompt action would be appreciated by the Finance Committee. The fund is near the point where a bond can be purchased.

Miss Low reported for the Southern Missionary Committee. Mr. Robinson has already made many friends in North Carolina. Mr. Cowan and Mr. McHale are preforming their regular duties; the latter has moved to Mariana, Florida, where he hopes to develop the work. Mr. Key will continue to serve the Alliance and the Association until December 1, 1913, the date when his resignation will take effect. The improvements at Dix House have made it most attractive and comfortable.

The schools start with good prospects, three of the former teachers return to North Carolina, with one who goes for the first time.

The Corresponding Secretary presented the new Manual with satisfaction. It is hoped that branches will devote some time to a study of the Manual, that they may know more of the organization to which they belong.

The Board voted to send Mrs. Davis to the Michigan Conference in Detroit, and to such branches as she can conveniently reach in connection with the Detroit meeting.

Miss Marquand reported the interesting women's meetings held in Paris, carefully planned and satisfactorily carried out, thanks in great measure to Miss Herford. Abstracts in English were prepared of addresses delivered in a foreign tongue, and this increased the comfort of the English speaking visitors. The International Union is bringing the women of the Alliance into close touch with the women of other lands, and is a movement of the greatest promise. Through the fellowship committee of the Guild of Friendship, it is going to be possible for women of the liberal faith to find and help one another, however far they may wander from home. To the British League great credit is due for its initiative in this matter.

Headquarters Committee reported 302 visitors at Boston headquarters in the last three weeks, with needs of all kinds and descriptions. The delay in preparing the new catalogue of the lending library is proving a hindrance to many workers. At New York headquarters many visitors were reported, sermons given out, others sold, regular tracts distributed, together with Alliance lending papers and study class leaflets.

A new branch is reported, Aurora, Illinois. Here is an opportunity to send a word of welcome to the President, Mrs. W. S. Mack, 25 So. 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois, or to the Secretary, Mrs. Delos Ricker, 203 So. 4th Street. Let the new workers hear from their sisters everywhere.

Miss Potter, Director for Wisconsin, feels obliged to resign her office. This resignation was accepted with regret. Pennsylvania and California are entitled by increased numbers to an additional director each.

If branches wish to send warm clothing to the flood sufferers at Dayton and Marietta, they will correspond with Mrs. T. H. Marshall, Old Orchard Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, or with Mrs. E. A. Coil, Marietta, Ohio.

It is felt that Alliance headquarters at Buffalo should be pronounced well worth while, as a meeting place for workers from all parts, as well as a distributing centre for pins, tickets, leaflets, and information of every sort. The one source of disappointment is that some Alliance women failed to appear there.

The Board adjourned to partake of a much-appreciated luncheon, served by the Buffalo ladies under the personal supervision of the Parkside Branch.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The roll call at the Alliance Conference on October 9th shows how fine it is when we can get together from many parts of the country. It is as follows: Canada 5, Maine 2, New Hampshire 3, Vermont 2, Massachusetts 44, Rhode Island 1, New York 27, New Jersey 5, Pennsylvania 13, District of Columbia 1, Delaware 2, Ohio 13, Michigan 2, Illinois 3, Wisconsin 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Indiana 1, Tennessee 1. The attendance at the luncheon on Tuesday was swelled by the presence of many Buffalo ladies, and some from other

places who had to leave before Thursday. The number reported at the tables is 306.

The Alliance branch at Revere, Massachusetts, will hold a fair in the vestry of the church on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of November. Articles for sale from sister branches will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mrs. Frances J. Tufts, 66 Proctor Avenue, Revere, Mass. The attendance of friends from other branches will be much appreciated. Remember Revere.

Massachusetts Alliance women will be glad to learn that an Interdenominational Luncheon, like that of last year, will be held on November 20th, in the People's Temple, Boston. The Alliance will be represented on the program, as on the committees of arrangement. Let us have a large attendance of our people. The hour is one o'clock.

Reprints from the Manual of the President's Greeting and the Report of the Corresponding Secretary are available for the use of branches. Application should be made to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Mass.

The Alliance of All Souls' Church, Winnipeg, which is rejoicing in its new church home, reports that as a result of its appeal and the sale of its calendar it was able to contribute the pews, "as a token of fidelity and consecrated effort in the women of the church and the sister Branches."

For Christmas, 1913, they are publishing four attractive novelties, among them a card with envelope to correspond, bearing "Our Faith" in artistic lettering. It has a cord, and is suitable for decorating the wall. Address the secretary, Mrs. William G. Bale, 69 Maryland Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The new secretary of the Branch at Colorado Springs is Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Box 330.

The Branch at San Antonio, Texas. asks contributions of fancy articles and home-made "goodies" for a sale on December 15. Send to Mrs. F. J. Kearful, 2105 Monerey Street, San Antonio, Texas.

The Lincoln, Massachusetts, Branch Alliance will hold a Christmas Sale, Dec. 3rd. Articles from sister Alliance Branches will be gratefully acknowledged by the Secretary, Miss Jane I. Pierce.

A Word to Treasurers

The Treasurer of The Alliance sends greetings to the eighty-eight new branch treasurers and welcomes the continued co-operation of those who remain in office.

The following suggestions are offered as to the best method of coordinating the work of the branch with the general treasury: a careful study of the tables on pages 170-186 of the current Manual, and arrangement of accounts so that the items in the tables may be readily compiled at the end of the year. In this way branch treasurers will find it much easier to fill out the blanks sent out each spring for the compilation of the Manual. The financial year of The Alliance is May 1 to April 30, and branches are advised to adopt the same dates, making their appropriations before April 30th and closing their books on that date, even when the meetings are prolonged into May or June.

All money for furthering the gen-

eral work of The Alliance should be sent directly to the treasurer. This includes not only the one-third membership fees, life memberships and gifts made *in memoriam*, but all contributions made for the Southern Circuit work and in response to the National Appeals, which are listed each month in WORD AND WORK.

The work of The Alliance is facilitated when branch dues are sent early in the year, and branch treasurers are advised to adopt the businesslike plan of sending out bills or reminders at the beginning of each year and making as early collections as possible, that the branch as well as the general treasury may not be forced to wait the time of convenient remembering which so often prevails among our members. Where a branch has established a local fee as well as the regular, or dollar fee, both must be counted in making up the amount due the general treasury. For example: assuming a branch to have a membership of 46, of which 16 pay a local fee only of 50 cents, while the remaining 30 pay the full fee of $1.00, the dues are reckoned thus:

30 members at $1.00 equals	$30.00
16 members at 50 cents equals	8.00
Total receipts	$38.00

One-third of $38.00 equals $12.67, which is the amount due the general treasury. Each branch must reckon at least three members, that is, its officers, as full dollar members. Delegates to the annual and other business meetings of the Alliance must be regular members, paying the dollar fee to their branch treasuries. Mrs. Noyes is always glad to answer questions from branch treasurers in connection with their work. Her address is: Mrs. William Noyes, 11 St. John Street, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Appeals stand as follows, amounts needed for:

Green Harbor	$389.00
Meadville Students	245.00
Pacific School Students	245.00
Northumberland, Pa.	99.00
Ann Arbor, Mich.	46.00
Farmington, Me.	61.00
Flushing, N. Y.	43.00
Memphis, Tenn.	85.00
Montego Bay, Jamaica	79.00
Ridgewood, N. J.	42.00
Summit, N. J.	61.00
Edmonton, Alta.	495.00
Vancouver, B. C.	495.00

See Announcement on Back Cover

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

MR. SANFORD BATES, *President*

Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Meeting

The third regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1913-1914 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, October 14, 1913, at half past 2 o'clock.

President Bates presided and there were present: Mr. Foote, Mr. Hooper, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Richards, Mr Ryder, Miss Simmons and the Secretary.

The secretary read the minutes of the September meeting, which minutes were approved.

VOTED: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

The secretary read her report for the month of September, which report was accepted.

Miss Cline, the Fair Chairman, was unable to be present, but the secretary reported progress on the fair work.

The Extension Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. Hooper, reported having heard favorably from one more supervision, and that hereafter the doings of the committee will be reported briefly at these meetings.

The Finance Committee asked for suggestions. One was the oft-repeated one of recommending to the unions the desirability of devoting the proceeds of an evening's entertainment to the treasury of the central organization. It was the sense of the members present that the appeal from the Finance Committee be sent out *after the fair*.

The president reported for the General Conference in Buffalo that the spirit and attendance were good and everyone was very much in earnest. The meetings were distinctly favorable to the work of the young people in many regards.

VOTED: To thank the Universalist society in Buffalo, in whose building our meeting was held, and to thank Rev. Eugene R. Shippen of Detroit and Rev. Sydney B. Snow of King's Chapel, Boston, as well as the Buffalo organist for their efforts in our behalf on that occasion.

VOTED: That it is the sense of this Board that the various organizations have such times assigned to them at the General Conference as shall not conflict, thus avoiding a repetition of this year's arrangements.

Mr. Bates, as a member of the Council of the General Conference, agreed to keep this matter in mind.

It was suggested that a resolution to this effect be framed and sent to the General Conference.

VOTED: That the president be authorized to draw up a resolution for presentation to the General Conference, in appreciation of our continued confidence in the Conference, but at the same time protesting against these serious conflicts in time.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland's letter with regard to work in foreign mission fields was brought up and discussed. Mr. McMurdie was of the opinion that the work we were now undertaking was about all we could manage, while Miss Richards disagreed, urging a broader work yet. It was deemed advisable to wait until the printed report of the meeting on Foreign Relations at the General Conference should come out, in order to ascertain if it

contain anything we can use. It was accordingly

VOTED: That for the present, the matter of Mr. Sunderland's letter be laid on the table, and that Dr. Charles W. Wendte, the Secretary of Foreign Relations for the A. U. A., be invited to speak for ten minutes before the next Board meeting on what our young people can do in his department.

VOTED: That the time of the Board meetings be changed from 2:30 o'clock to 2 in the afternoon.

VOTED: To adjourn until Tuesday afternoon, November 4.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

Eighth Biennial Bazaar

Before another issue of this publication appears the fair will be a matter of history. Whether the outcome is satisfactory or not depends now upon our patrons; for certainly the young people of our several churches, especially in the vicinity of Boston, have worked hard to attain creditable results.

The usual line of fancy and useful articles will be offered for sale, and there will be special attractions every afternoon and evening. On Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Mr. Sanford Bates, the president of the Young People's Religious Union, will formally open the fair, when Hon. John D. Long and Rev. John Haynes Holmes will make addresses; in the evening an old-fashioned district school will be presented by talented members of the Boston Federation. A novel entertainment, a café chantant, will be the programme for Friday evening, and on Saturday afternoon, story telling for the children. Dancing for Saturday evening will bring the fair to a close. Throughout these days portraits will be sketched by a lightning artist while you wait.

The Boston Federation, as usual, offers entertainment for Thursday and Friday nights to workers and helpers from a distance. Those desiring such hospitality should notify Mr. Donald R. McAfee before November 1.

May we not see you and your friends present at Hotel Vendome, Boston, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 6, 7 and 8?

Boston Federation Hospitality

In accordance with the custom of several years past, and in order that the unions from a distance may be represented by sending helpers to assist at the Biennial Fair of the Young People's Religious Union, to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 6, 7 and 8, at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass., the Boston Federation extends the hospitality of its members on Thursday and Friday nights, to those helpers who cannot conveniently return home.

Will any assistants who wish to avail themselves of this hospitality kindly notify Mr. Donald R. McAfee, 114 Park Street, Dorchester, Mass., before November 1st, specifying which night entertainment is desired or if for both nights?

Programmes

Now that most of our churches are reopened and our young people's societies are beginning their season's work, programmes are being made and planned. Much help and advice is solicited from headquarters naturally, and it is desirable that we have on hand a goodly supply of programmes from the various organizations. Requests for the programmes of other young people's societies come thick and fast these days; and while we send whatever material we have on hand at the time, the supply of

duplicates is still lamentably short, and we should be glad to have all that can be spared. So if you have a printed calendar or programme, be sure to send it to Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston; a dozen or more could be easily used.

General Conference

The president, Mr. Sanford Bates, with Mrs. Bates and Miss Edwina H. Jewett, were our official delegates to the General Conference in Buffalo during the early days of October. The spirit and attendance were good and everyone was very much in earnest. Mr. Bates won many friends by his words spoken in our behalf on Monday noon, and several of the speeches were distinctly favorable to the work of young people in our Unitarian churches. The special young people's meeting was not largely attended, owing principally to the fact of several conflicting meetings at the same hour. For us there were several important results.

South Middlesex Federation

On Sunday, October 26, the South Middlesex Federation held its annual meeting in Arlington, Mass., with both afternoon and evening sessions. An interesting programme was arranged.

This federation has charge of the Cake and Candy Table at the Eighth Biennial Bazaar, Miss Anna Ward of West Somerville, Chairman; and as a specialty is to be made of the home-made variety, it is expected that everyone interested in the federation will testify to this interest by contributing to this table.

Boston Federation Programme

The following is the season's calendar for the Boston Federation's meetings; unions and young people's societies, in the vicinity of Boston, are urged to incorporate this list in the year's programme as well as in the monthly calendar:

Sunday, November 30, 1913 — Fall meeting with the Y. P. R. U. of Quincy, Mass.

Sunday, January 25, 1914—Mid-winter meeting in the Richmond Street Church, Dorchester, Mass., Lawrence Union as hosts.

Friday, February 27, 1914—Annual Entertainment. Time and details to be announced.

Saturday, March 28, 1914—Indoor Picnic, at Brighton, Mass.

Sunday, April 26, 1914—Annual meeting with the De Normandie Guild, First Parish, Roxbury, Mass.

Saturday, June 6, 1914—Annual Outdoor Picnic, at Houghton's Pond.

Notes from the Field

Littleton, Mass.—One Sunday recently, a well-attended neighborhood meeting was held in Littleton, Mass., when Mr. Sanford Bates, the president of the Young People's Religious Union, made a pleasing address. Guests were present from Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, etc. The Littleton Guild, one of our oldest societies, has kept up a remarkable interest for many years. During the summer a six weeks' vacation was taken, although two or three unique out-door meetings were held at the homes of as many members. This may prove of interest to other unions whose members wish to come together occasionally during the heated period.

West Bridgewater, Mass.—"The Y. P. R. U. held meetings every two weeks during the summer vacation with good attendance. In August, the Union held its annual lawn party, the proceeds netting a goodly little sum;

and on Labor Day a clam bake was held on the lawn of the church, with good financial results. The spirit of our young people is that of helpfulness and all are ready to work in either religious or social gatherings with friendly accord. We have reason to look forward to still greater results in the coming year."

Los Angeles, Cal.—"One Saturday night recently we had a very lively time in the church parlors. The Young People's Union had sent out invitations to the young people of Long Beach, Pomona, Redlands and Santa Ana, to come to this first social of the season, and we had a goodly attendance and such a good time. We told those we invited to come to the 'Aggy College', but we did not specify, and I am not sure that I know if 'Aggy' was short for 'Agricultural' or 'Aggravating,' and we asked all to provide themselves with college yells, and I think no one forgot to do so.

"The supper was furnished by the Alliance and the tables were decorated in different colors, as different sorority houses, and the supper was often interspersed with college yells from one group or another and singing of college songs. After supper we adjourned to another room which was called the Campus, and after a large registration, we sent to the different alcoves, which answered as recitation rooms and were in charge of professors. We then started to work making poppies, and a prize was offered for the first one. These will be sent as part of the decoration for our table. After a few minutes of this work, the leader of athletics gave a shrill whistle and announced the different events of a track meet, and burlesque track events followed thick and fast. For the high jump, two tall young men were told to jump from the floor to the platform, a distance of about four feet, and one of them succeeded. There were try-outs of voice for the glee club and a foot rule was used to measure the grins on the faces of the contestants. We sang college songs for a few minutes and then adjourned to the dining room and danced for a couple of hours. I represented the dean and wore a cap and gown and red hood.

"One of the yells evolved was 'Please, please, please,——Please, please, please——please, please, please send.' This came directly after my talk at the table when I spoke of what the Union was and how we needed their help on the fair. There was a good deal of enthusiasm in our own church."

These items may perchance be of interest to other unions, and we should be glad to receive many more of a similar nature.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D.D., *President*, Roslindale, Mass.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice President*.
Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, *Secretary*, Bridgewater, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

I wish to commend most heartily the "Poster Campaign" in behalf of temperance which has recently been started in this State under the auspices of the Associated Charities of the City of Boston. There is great need of such an educational campaign respecting the influence of alcohol upon the body and the mind. A great number of facts, of great importance, have come to light in the last few years, which show that all liquors, both malt and spirituous, are life-destroyers. This is the unanimous and emphatic verdict of science, insurance, and industry. Alcohol is always and in all quantities a cell-poison. These vital facts are not, as yet, widely known to intelligent people. They must be forced, in every way possible, upon the attention of our communities. This is being done with some effectiveness in our public schools. Temperance societies and journals are doing their part. The churches, in general, are not doing one-tenth as much as they ought to do. The newspapers, as a rule, are silent on this subject: the liquor power keeps them under bonds by their advertisements. The brewers and distillers extensively use the billboards to commend the drink-habit and to teach a number of most harmful errors about the effects of beer and whisky.

In view of these facts, there is great need of the Temperance Poster Campaign, to teach the truth about alcohol and to counteract the numerous evil influences at work in favor of drink. The Committee of the Associated Charities is composed of prominent men and women, half doctors, Dr. Charles P. Putnam being chairman. Large and small posters have been printed, to be placed on billboards, buildings, and trees, to act as silent but effective teachers of old and young. They contain important and startling facts respecting the evils of drink. There are also small posters with brief but forcible statements to be used on letters and bundles, like the Red Cross stamps.

The temperance poster campaign, while new with us, has been most effectively used in some European countries for ten years or so. It is reported that two hundred towns and cities in Great Britian have engaged in this work, in some as a municipal enterprise, in others it has been undertaken by individuals or societies. Much along this line is also being done in France and Germany.

The movement is rapidly spreading from town to town: in Cambridge, citizens and officials are engaged heartily in this campaign. These posters ought to hang in every school room and church vestry. They can be obtained at a slight expense. I most earnestly advise our church people to open correspondence with Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton (43 Hawkins St., Boston,) about this matter. Ask her to tell you what to do. Send for some posters. Forward a contribution. Have her present the matter before the Sunday School, the Alliance, the Y. P. R. U. It is a good thing. Talk it up. Push it along.

Joseph H. Crooker.

The Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association

announces the appearance of the following books for Autumn, 1913:

Minister's Handbook

These books are the product of a competent committee of our fellowship, and contain the material which is essential to every minister in the conduct of his work. The arrangement of the services is most modern, while in fullest sympathy with all that has proved best by established usage. The volume of poems presents the choicest selection from a vast field of material, beyond the ability and experience of the individual student to prepare.

Volume I

Contains services for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Funeral and other occasions, such as Joining the Church, The Offertory, The Communion Service and Benedictions.

Volume II

One hundred additional hymns and poems for Funeral services, grouped according to subject, viz., Life and Death; Resignation-Trust; Suffering-Rest; The Personal Life; Childhood-Youth; The Aged; Short Extracts.

Two companion volumes, 4 x 6 inches in size, bound in black morocco, lettered in gold. In the back of both books will be found sufficient blank sheets for the writing in of other material not found on the printed pages.

Price of each volume, $1.00 net; by mail, $1.04

Bergson and the Modern Spirit

By GEORGE ROWLAND DODSON, Ph.D.

In Bergson Dr. Dodson sees the appearance of a new star of the first magnitude in the firmament of thought. The Bergsonian conception of evolution is expounded with a discussion of its necessary implications for ethics and religion. In the divinations of our great modern poets we find a confirmation of the vision of life which the philosopher has strained the resources of the most wonderful prose speech to express.

304 pages; $1.35 net; by mail, $1.48

The Supreme Reality

By SAMUEL R. CALTHROP, L.H.D.

In this volume the Pastor Emeritus of the May Memorial Church of Syracuse sums up the supreme reality as the universe itself. The product of a ministry of 53 years, it is the expression of his faith, dedicated "To all who have longed to adore infinite love and right and truth; who have sought and have not yet found." It is written for plain men and women, in an effort "to show them that with the aid of science they can know much more about the universe than they now think possible.

195 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.10

America's Conquest of Europe

By DAVID STARR JORDAN

The purpose of the book is to point out how America must first conquer herself and how then, because of her peculiar inherent fitness for the task and the position which she holds among the nations of the world, she can, if she will, bring about the feeling of true brotherhood among all the powers of the earth.

67 pages; 60 cents net; by mail, 66 cents

The Eternal Presence

By WILLIAM HENRY FISH, Jr.

Reason proclaims a goal for thought. Religion finds it. The Eternal Presence means not the mind's idea of God, but the reality experienced by the soul. Faith is no mere belief in a metaphysical object presupposed by all quest of truth and goodness and beauty. It is the finding of the Blessed Reality in spiritual vision. The Eternal Presence thus glimpsed is the healing of sorrows and the spring of transcendent hopes.

200 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.10

The Romance of Evolution

By JOHN C. KIMBALL

The author is convinced that evolution is vastly more romantic and beautiful than the fanciful and outworn theories of the past.

325 pages; $1.25; by mail, $1.36

The Ethical Aspects of Evolution

By JOHN C. KIMBALL

A collection of lectures dealing with the relation of evolution to some of the ethical problems which the world has been trying to solve, together with six sermons.

420 pages; $1.25; by mail, $1.36

The Association has in hand the following new books, briefly described below, which will appear in the early fall.

Freedom and the Churches

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN CHURCHES TO CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

By VARIOUS AUTHORS

A series of ten papers by prominent representatives of as many denominations, setting forth succinctly the services rendered by their respective fellowships in promoting the cause of freedom in religion and the political order. The volume, edited by Dr. C. W. Wendte, will be found to be a stimulating and valuable contribution to the history of freedom in America.

115 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.08

Social Ideals of a Free Church

By VARIOUS AUTHORS

Twelve papers of great interest and value to all students of social problems in their relation to the church. Edited by Elmer S. Forbes, Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service.

A remarkable combination of mature and progressive theory and successful practice. Indispensable for one seeking to keep pace with the best efforts in this great field.

150 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.09

Clear Grit

By ROBERT COLLYER

The association has in hand the preparation of a volume of sermons, lectures and poems by this great seer, none of which have ever appeared in print.

The material is being collected and edited by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, for years associated with Mr. Collyer at the Church of the Messiah in New York. The book will appear early in December, 1913, which would have been the occasion of Mr. Collyer's 90th birthday.

Self-Training for Motherhood

By SOPHIA LOVEJOY

The volume, written intimately as by an older, experienced friend to a young mother, abounds in delightful suggestions as to the best ways of guiding the young from early childhood to maturer years. The book may well extend its influence beyond the immediate mother in the home to the many mother associations connected with women's clubs, schools and churches.

160 pages; $1.00 net; by mail, $1.09

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SPECIAL BOOK SALE

Beginning on Monday, November 3rd, and lasting until the stock is exhausted, the Publication Department will exhibit and sell for cash at special bargain prices a miscellaneous assortment of its publications. All of the books to be shown are still serviceable, but for various reasons have been set aside as no longer fit to be sold at the full retail prices. Many are volumes which have been loaned to churches for exhibition, and through exposure on the shelves or careless packing now show slight defects. In the lot will be found a wide variety of subjects, including Hymn and Service Books, and all persons wishing to own books for their contents rather than their outward beauty are urged to drop in at the BOOK ROOM, 25 BEACON ST., on November 3rd and thereafter to inspect this display. Reductions as great as 50% will be made on many of the books, while certain of the paper-covered volumes in the Great Affirmation Series will be

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